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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 661
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the "Bass Annie"
Company and its founder Annie Ruth Rice.

WHEREAS, fishing is a favorite sport of Tennesseans of all ages and the "Bass Annie" Company, located in Memphis is one of this state's premier businesses, which provides assistance to persons wishing to enjoy the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, founded in January, 1990 by Annie Ruth Rice, "Bass Annie" has become very successful by offering reasonable prices, great service and by having a knowledgeable staff; and

WHEREAS, while competing at the 1989 "Bass 'N Gall" Tournament, Ms. Rice's boat was damaged, whereupon, she decided to fix the boat herself; and

WHEREAS, from that humble beginning, "Bass Annie" was started and has quickly grown to become a leader in the Mid-South region in repairs and customization of services for small to large size watercraft; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Rice has expanded the business five times since its founding; her workshop is a 12,000 square foot building with powerlifts and monorail systems, which allows her to work on more than one boat at a time; and

WHEREAS, she has also expanded her services to include mobile repairs to address larger marine craft; and

WHEREAS, her customers come from throughout the country, including Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas; and

WHEREAS, total customer satisfaction is the most important goal of "Bass Annie" and through hard work, extraordinary diligence, dedication and expertise, the company is a model in that regard; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor the "Bass Annie" Company and its exemplary founder Annie Ruth Rice; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we commend "Bass Annie" and Annie Ruth Rice on the success of her company and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.